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1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KNESSET RESOLUTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE US BICENTENNIAL WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO AMB TOON FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE USG AND TH CONGRESS UPON THE CONCLUSION OF JULY 12 SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN ON THE TWO-HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE.

3. ON THE FOURTH OF JULY TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRTEEN AMERICAN COLONIES DECIDED TO "PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND TO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF". IN ANNOUNCING THEIR INDEPENDENCE AS A SEPARATE NATION THEY DECLARED THAT "ALL MEN ARE BORN EQUAL; THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS; THAT THESE RIGHTS INCLUDE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS; AND THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONGST MEN".

4. ACROSS A DRAMATIC HISTORY OF TWO CENTRURIES THE NATION LIBERATED ON JULY 4,1776, HAS GROWN AND PROSPERED. THE WHOLE AREA BETWEEN THE TWO OCEANS IS NOW UNITED BENEATH ITS FLAG; AND MORE THAN 200 MILLION INHABITANTS PURSUE THEIR LIFE, LIBERTY
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AND HAPPINESS IN SECURITY AND PEACE. THROUGH ALL THESE

GENERATIONS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS MAINTAINED ITS FIDELITY TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES THAT GAVE IT BIRTH. BY THE INDUSTRY AND TALENT OF ITS PEOPLE IT HAS ACHIEVED UNPARALLELED LEVELS OF PRODUCTIONS AND POWER.

5. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTES THE GREATEST UNION OF STRENGTH WITH FREEDOM EVER KNOWN IN THE ANNALS OF MANKIND. IT SUSTAINS AND INSPIRES THE HOPES OF OTHER PEOPLE WHICH STRIVE TO DEFEND THEIR LIBERTIES AGAINST THE FORCES AND CONDITIONS THAT THREATEN THEM.

6. ISRAEL SALUTES AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY. IT RECALLS THE HUMANE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES OPENED ITS DOORS TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO SOUGHT ITS SHELTER-"THE HUDDLED MASSES STRUGGLING TO BE FREE". THUS THERE AROSE ON AMERICA'S SOIL A GREAT COMMUNITY OF JEWS, FAITHFUL CITIZENS OF AMERICA, DEEPLY INSPIRED BY THEIR FRATERNITY WITH ISRAEL WHERE THEIR FAITH AND PEOPLEHOOD WERE BORN.

7. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL KNOW THAT IN THESE VERY DAYS AMERICAN BY VIRTUE OF ITS POWER AND ITS DEVOTION TO IDEALS OF FREEDOM, ASSURES THE SURVIVAL OF DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD.

8. WE RECALL WITH EMOTION THE HEROISM AND SACRIFICE OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO GAVE THEIR EFFORTS, AND THEIR LIVES, IN THE VICTORIOUS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE HITLERIST SCOURGE.

9. WE SALUTE THE FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN AMERICA AND ISRAEL. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORTED ISRAEL'S EMERGENCE TO SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE; WAS THE FIRST TO ACCORD IT RECOGNITION IN THE VERY HOUR OF ITS REBIRTH; SPONSORED THE ENTRY INTO THE ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY; GENEROUSLY REINFORCED ITS ECONOMY AND SOCIETY DURING YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND GROWTH; AND POWERFULLY STRENGTHENED ITS CAPACITY OF DEFENCE AGAINST THE PERILS THREATENING ITS LIFE. A COVENANT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT HAS THUS BEEN CEMENTED BETWEEN OUR NATIONS AMIDST THE CONFLICTING ELEMENTS OF A TROUBLE WORLD.

10 THEREFORE THE PARLIAMENT OF ISRAEL, IN SPECIAL SESSION ASSEMBLED, HEREBY RESOLVES TO SEND A GREETING OF FRIENDSHIP TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PRESIDENT, THE HOUSE OF CONGRESS, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES; PRAYING TO GOD TO GRANT THEM FELICITY AND WELFARE IN FUTURE YEARS-THAT "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH". MAY AMERICAN BE IN THE WORDS OF THE PSALMIST "LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER THAT GIVETH ITS FRUIT IN DUE DEASON AND ITS LEAF SHALL NOT WITHER. AND IN WHATSOEVER IT UNDERTAKETH- MAY IT PROSPER". END TEXT.

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